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SUBJECT: PLANT QUARANTINE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR SEEDS

REF: A) STATE 127697, B) DHAHRAN 659

1. USLO APPROACHED OFFICE OF PLANT PROTECGION RESEARCH IN
MINAG AND WATER TO SEEK GUIDANCE FOR PROBLEM OUTLINED
REF A. AFTER DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH THREE OFFICIALS
IT SEEMS THERE IS NO SET PROCEDURE BY WHICH EXEMPTION CAN BE
GRANTED TO FUNGICIDE TREATMENT REQUIREMENT.

2. UNOFFICIAL SUGGESTION FROM MINAGWAT OFFICIAL IS THAT
ASGROW WRITE ITS AGENT OR CUSTOMER IN THE KINGDOM TO SAY
THAT FUNGICIDE CANNOT BE USED ON THE TYPE OF SEED ORDERED DUE
TO TECHNICAL REASONS. THEN IF AGENT/CUSTOMER APPROACHES
DIRECTOR OF PLANT PROTECTION, ABDULAZIS AL-JILAN, WITH ASGROW S
LETTER AND THEIR OWN REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION, ALONG WITH THE USUAL
IMPORT DOCUMENTATION (INVOICE, SHIPPING BILL, INSURANCE
CERTIFICATE, COMPANY AND SEED DETAILS, ETC.) IT IS
POSSIBLE REPEAT POSSIBLE EXEMPTION MAY BE GRANTED. THIS
EXEMPTION WOULD BE BASED IN LARGE PART OUT OF RESPECT FOR
ASGROW AS REPUTABLE FIRM AND INDUSTRY LEADER.

3. NOTE: MINAGWAT OFFICIAL ADDED THAT METAL CONTAINERS
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NORMALLY USED TO SHIP SEEDS TO SAUDI ARABIA WERE NOT
APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THEY GET TOO HOT AND MAY DAMAGE SEEDS.
HE SUGGESTS U.S. COMPANIES USE CARDBOARD, PLASTIC OR
OTHER NONCOMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN SEED PACKAGING.
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